



TUCKSHOP



WED 13 MAR — TANIA, ANNA, RACHELLE H
 FRI 15 MAR — TANIA, ANNA, JUDY, SUE, LURL
 MON 18 MAR — TANIA, ANNA, 1 HELPER NEEDED

PLEASE CHECK OUR CURRENT MENU AS THE PRICES OF SOME ITEMS
 HAVE CHANGED; INCLUDING FROZIES/ZOOPER DOOPERS—NOW 70C.

FLEXISCHOOL ORDERING CLOSING TIMES

WEDNESDAY - CLOSING AT 8:00AM FOR THE SAME DAY

THURSDAY—9:30AM FOR FRIDAY INCLUDES
 ALL BROWN BAGS FOR FRIDAY

* LATE ORDERS WILL SUBSTITUTED AS PER MENU*

MONDAY—8:00AM FOR THE SAME DAY

TUCKSHOP TUBS ARE NO LONGER KEPT OUTSIDE THE
 CLASSROOMS. ALL BROWN BAGS WITH CASH TO
 THE TUCKSHOP BY FIRST BELL.



UNIFORM SHOP

2024 OPENING HOURS

MON, WED, FRI

8:00—8:30am OR 11:00am—12:30pm



REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 1 fees are now overdue.
 Please check your emails and spam/junk
 folder and if not received, contact Admin.



BPAY is now available for fee payments and is
our preferred payment method. You will find
 the BPAY information relevant to your
 account on the Account Statement in the lower
 right hand section. BPAY assures your
 payments are allocated directly to
your account avoiding any errors.
 The remittance statement/payment screen shot
 should then be emailed to:
accounts.innisfail@cns.catholic.edu.au

PREP ENROLMENTS 2025

Prep enrolments for 2025 are well underway with many
 applications already received. Any **existing parents** of
 students with younger siblings please ensure that you
 have enrolled your Prep student for 2025 if applicable.
 If you have a child who was born between 1 July 2019
 and 30 June 2020, please go the Good Counsel Primary
 School website and complete the Application for
 Enrolment online. If you have any queries please
 contact the Office on 4063 0600.



Playgroup

GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
 PLAYGROUP

CATERING FOR CHILDREN - BIRTH TO 5 YEARS

FRIDAY MORNINGS 9:00 AM—11:00 AM
 GOOD SAMARITAN HALL
 (ACCESS VIA OWEN STREET)

COST: \$2.00 PER FAMILY

BYO: HAT, MORNING TEA & WATER BOTTLE

CO-ORDINATOR: ASHLEIGH GORDON-COOKE 0459 676 121



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GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

12TH FEBRUARY 2024

TERM 1 Week 8

With a sense of the First Nations country upon which Good Counsel Primary is situated, where learning and ceremony have taken place over many thousands of years,
 we acknowledge the Mamu People and pay our respects to all Elders—past and present.

Dear Parents/Carers,

From this week, teachers will be meeting with
 Parents/Carers to discuss your child's progress
 during Term 1. It is an opportunity to talk about
 how each child has settled into the first 7 weeks
 of the year. How they work in class. How they
 interact with other students inside and outside
 the classroom. If they need to improve in any
 area at school or at home. Explaining extra
 support they may be receiving at school in
 particular areas and how they are achieving
 across the different areas of the curriculum. For
 many parents, this will not be your first contact
 with your child's teacher for the year, so the 15
 minute time slot will be ample time to touch
 base. Should you need additional time, please
 book an appointment to see the teacher either
 later in this term or early next term. After the
 meeting take the time to discuss the positive
 outcome of the meeting and set goals with your
 child as we begin Term 2 and ensure you follow
 up on these. We have had an amazing
 response to our online booking of Parent
 meetings. Please be punctual for your meeting
 as this allows teachers to stay on time with their
 interviews as, if you are running late, it can put
 out the order of back-to-back meetings.

Reminders

During Pick up and Drop off times in the
 morning and afternoon, do not park and leave
your car to enter the school grounds. This is
 very inconsiderate of other drivers and causes
 issues to the flow of traffic on Rankin St.

Once the school day has started (8:35am) it is
 not appropriate for parents to turn up at
 classroom doors to collect students or expect to
 talk to the class teacher who will be teaching
 lessons. If you are picking up your child early for
 appointments or family reasons, report to the
 front office and the Admin staff will call for your
 child. Should you need to discuss something
 with the teacher, email/Seesaw or phone the
 Office to make an appointment out of class
 teaching times.

Over the next two weeks, students in Year 3 & 5
 across Australia participate in the NAPLAN
 testing program. The tests are in the online
 format except for the Year 3 Writing task which
 remains pencil/paper. There are 4 sections to

the assessment—Reading, Writing, Numeracy
 and Language Conventions which we spread out
 over 4 days. NAPLAN will receive plenty of
 media airplay this week, however we treat the
 tests as a normal part of our teaching and
 attempt to keep our students as calm as
 possible. They have completed their practice test
 and are eager to participate. Parents can assist
 by ensuring your child has a good night's sleep
 and have a healthy lunch with lots of brain food
 included.

Wednesday night—Susan McLean Parent
 Education about Cyber Safety/online games.
 Suitable for parents of children Prep—Yr 12.
 Susan will give an eye opening presentation that
 will educate you on the facts and share useful
 strategies on how to navigate parenting in this
 digital age. GCC Auditorium—7pm Wednesday
 13 March.



Last Friday's GCPS
 Harmony Day was a
 colourful demonstration
 of cultural inclusivity. It
 was representative of
 the diverse nationalities
 that make up the
 Cassowary Coast
 region. Thank you
 Ashla leading with the
 Acknowledgement of
 Country. Thank you to
 the Yr 6 students who
 spoke in the various
 languages.

This Friday night we have a huge 'Green' event
 organised. Our Student Councillors are super
 keen and want everyone dressed in green.
 Water, steaks, sausages and fish are on sale by
 the P&F. Green frozies and jelly cups are on sale
 by the Student Council. Lucky Door tickets for
 students who come dressed in green.

P& Meet & Greet BBQ from 6:30pm.
Student Council Green Disco 7:00—8:30pm.

A happy St Patrick's Day on Sunday 17 March to
 all our families of Irish heritage.

* Congratulations, today was the first day this
 year with no unexplained absences.

Regards Liam

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 www.gcps.qld.edu.au

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM—3:00PM

Ph: 07 4063 0600

POINTS OF INTEREST

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 School

DIARY DATES 2024

TUE 23 JAN

THU 28 MAR

TUE 12 MAR

P&F MEETING

7:00PM

THEATRETTE

WED 13 MAR

SUSAN McLEAN

CYBER

SAFETY EXPERT

7PM

GCC

AUDITORIUM

OWEN ST

FRI 15 MAR

P&F

MEET & GREET BBQ

'GREEN'

STUDENT COUNCIL

DISCO



Harmony Day Prayer Assembly ...
Congratulations to the whole school for such enthusiastic participation for Friday's Harmony Day. Thank you Mr Kenny for the preparations, from orange ribbons and national flags to the Prayer Assembly with students speaking in languages other than English, to show that at GCPS, 'Everyone Belongs'.



We keep in our prayers...
We continue to keep the children—Mia A, Harlem, Ricki, Jaxsyn, Laynie, Sailah, Macy, Gabriella, Bodhi, Dallas, Ryan S, Peter, Hunter, Ryan C, Charlize, Ryan F, Jonah and Emily, in our prayers as they continue their sacramental journey over the next two terms.

Project Compassion...
Thank you for your continued, generous response to the various class *Project Compassion* ventures.



St Patrick...
According to Irish legend, Saint Patrick used the shamrock as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland in 433 and began preaching the Gospel, converting many thousands of people and building churches around the country. St Patrick died on 17 March in 461.



Mini Vinnies...
The Mini Vinnies are invited, with parental support, to attend Saturday evening's 6:30pm Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church in support of the St Vincent de Paul Society. I look forward to seeing all those who are able to attend on Saturday 16th March.

Yours in Catholic Education—Mrs C (Maria Caltabiano)

**GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY
CALENDAR
2024 Term 1 (10 weeks)**

- Fri 15.3 St Patrick's 6S Assembly
P&F Meet & Greet
Student Council Green Disco
- Fri 22.3 Palm Sunday 3DC Assembly
- Tue 26.3 Last Supper 6D 8:30am
- Wed 27.3 Cross Country
- Thu 28.3 Stations of the Cross 5SD 8:30am
- Term One ends...

School Holidays

- Fri 29.3 Good Friday
- Sun 31.3 Easter Sunday

Term 2 (10 weeks)

- Mon 15.4 Term commences
- Fri 19.4 Mini Vinnies – New Life
- Thu 25.4 ANZAC Day
- Mon 6.5 Qld Labour Day Holiday
- Fri 17.5 Yr 1 Pentecost Assembly
- Wed 12.6 School Officers Day
- Fri 21.6 Term 2 ends

Term 3 (10 weeks)

- Mon 8.7 Term commences
- Fri 12.7 INNISFAIL SHOW HOLIDAY
- Fri 30.8 Pupil Free Day
- Fri 13.9 Term 3 ends

Term 4 (10 weeks)

- Mon 7.10 King's Birthday Holiday
- Tue 1.10 Term commences
- Mon 11.11 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Fri 6.12 Term 4 ends



Congratulations...
To Hargun Kaur Gill (3DC) and family on the birth of a baby brother Harfateh Singh Gill.



Wk 10—Holy Week Liturgy Tuesday 26/3 8:35am Blue Area 6D—The Lord's Last Supper	Wk 10—Holy Week Liturgy Thursday 28/3 8:35am Blue Area 5SD—Stations of the Cross	Wk 1— Prayer Assembly Friday 19/4 8:40am Blue Area Mini Vinnies—Easter and New Life
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BOOK FAIR 2024

THANK YOU to everyone who was able to support the Book Fair this year. We earned just under \$1000 worth in commission of new and exciting books for our Library.

Thank you to Mrs Farina for the organisation, staff for the supervision and Yr 6 students for their sales assistance throughout the three days.